Pope unveils new agency to promote ‘new evangelization’

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI unveiled a new Vatican agency to promote ‘new evangelization,’ and assigned it the task of combating the “de-Christianization” of countries that were first evangelized centuries ago.

In an apostolic letter released on Oct. 12, the pope warned of a progressive detachment from religious faith, especially in countries marked by scientific and economic progress. The new agency, he said, will encourage a clearer understanding of the faith and help “remeke the Christian fabric of human society.”

Speaking at a news conference the same day, the president of the council, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, said missionary activity in modern societies requires a systematic effort against “the lack of awareness of the basic contents of the faith” among many Catholics.

“We need to avoid, above all, that ‘new evangelization’ comes across like an abstract formula. We need to fill this idea with theological and pastoral content, and we’ll do it on the strength of the magisterium of these last decades,” he said. The archbishop said the council would work closely with modern communications media—an explicit request of the pope—“to promote ‘new evangelization’ across cultures.”

Scores of priests who minister in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis join Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein in praying the eucharistic prayer during the annual chrism Mass on April 7, 2006, at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Father Patrick Beidelman, the archdiocesan director of liturgy, is leading a series of workshops to help priests in central and southern Indiana prepare to use the new English translation of the Roman Missal—the texts for the Mass—which will take effect during the weekend of Nov. 26-27, 2011.

Workshops help priests learn about and prepare for new Mass texts

By Sean Gallagher

When the new English translation of the Roman Missal—the texts for the Mass—is first used on the weekend of Nov. 26-27, 2011, it will be priests who will experience the greatest amount of change. Many of the prayers that priests have proclaimed, in many cases for 40 years, will be significantly different on that first weekend in Advent in 2011.

At the same time, priests who minister in the archdiocese’s 151 parishes are in a prime position to help the laity prepare for the changes that they will find in the new translation.

The staff members of the archdiocesan Office of Worship have worked hard to organize a series of small-group workshops to help priests with the important task that awaits them. Father Patrick Beidelman, the archdiocesan director of liturgy, is in the middle of leading 18 workshops in each of the archdiocese’s 11 deaneries.

Most of the workshops last close to eight hours. They include time for priests to share how they learned to celebrate the Mass, an explanation of how and why the new translation came about, and an opportunity to practice praying and chanting some of the new prayer texts.

The workshops are also a time for priests simply to enjoy the company of their brother priests, including sitting down for a meal together. “We also chose these small-group gatherings to give priests the opportunity to spend some time together.”

Father Beidelman said, “and to learn from each other and to be supported by one another in the time that we have together.”

On Sept. 16, a dozen priests, many of whom minister in the Indianapolis North Deanery, gathered in the rectory of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis for a workshop. Some of these priests spoke with Father Beidelman.

Synod members discuss threats to Christian communities’ survival in the Middle East

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The survival of the Christian communities of the Middle East is threatened not only by violence and political repression, but also by the Churches’ weakened sense of mission, failure to work ecumenically and loss of their traditional liturgical heritage, bishops told the special synod for the Middle East.

“The Palestinian events, the civil war in Lebanon, the Islamic Revolution in Iran, the invasion of Iraq ... Christians of all Churches without distinction are martyred, forced to emigrate, forced to leave,” Armenian Archbishop Boutros Marayati of Aleppo, Syria, told the synod on Oct. 11.

“This is a real ecumenical concern,” the archbishop said. He urged synod members to find ways to strengthen the bonds among all Christians in the Middle East, “encouraging a spirit of fraternity, dialogue and communion among the Churches.”

After a morning of listening to formal presentations on Oct. 11, the 185 synod members began making their own speeches to the synod during the afternoon session.

Archbishop Marayati said that while Christians throughout the region share many similar challenges, the situation of the
New Mass translation has many reasons, provokes hopes and fears

By Sean Gallagher

Why are the words of the Mass changing? Father Patrick Beidelman succinctly addressed this basic question at the start of his presentation to about 12 priests who gathered on Sept. 16 at the rectory of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis for a workshop on the new English translation of the Roman Missal that will be used beginning the week of Nov. 26-27, 2011.

He expects Catholics across the archdiocese to put this question to their pastors in the year to come, and wanted to offer the priests a helpful answer.

The words of the Mass are changing, Father Beidelman said. “Because two popes looked at the various translations of the Roman Missal around the world for a number of years, and they thought that the missals could be done better because some contained, missing and, at times, some of the prayers were skewed.”

Father Beidelman also recommended that the priests have realistic expectations about the quality of any translation of the Missal from its original Latin texts into English.

“No matter what you do when you translate from one language to another, you’re going to lose something,” he said. “Any translation is going to be imperfect. If you’re striving for something that is perfect, I think you’re going to be disappointed.”

On the other hand, Father Beidelman noted that having a more accurate English translation of the Mass is important because Latin scholarship in some regions around the world is relatively poor. Therefore, many people responsible for translating the Mass into other languages base their work on the English translation since English is becoming more and more an international language.

“So the stakes are a little higher for the English texts,” he said. “And [the Vatican] is going to be a little more strict with what they allow and don’t allow, where there’s permission given and what adaptations are granted.”

But according to some priests who attended the workshop at St. Simon the Apostles Parish to help them prepare for the new translation, many Catholics across the archdiocese may have a difficult time with the changes after having used the current translation for decades.

Father Michael O’Mara, the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis, recalled getting used to a new Mass translation in the 1970s while growing up at St. Mary Parish in Greensburg and, from that, draws hope for the upcoming changes.

“I can remember making the changes at our parish in Greensburg and having new little prayer cards with the responses on them,” he said. “I felt a lot of energy there (back) in junior high. I’m hoping that this is going to give us new energy. Yeah, we’re going to have our noses back into the books. But I think that this is going to be a great opportunity for us to bring some new life back into it.”

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Annual appeal helps schools form students into saints

By Sean Gallagher

In his first encyclical letter, “Deus Caritas Est” (“God is Love”), Pope Benedict XVI wrote that proclaiming the word of God is an essential component of the “deepest nature” of the Church (#25). A primary place in which this vital ministry takes place is in the Church in central and southern Indiana is in the Catholic schools operated by scores of parishes and at interparochial high schools. Students of all ages learn of God’s love for them in the person of Jesus Christ, and are formed to become strong in their faith and dedicated citizens in their communities.

In the “Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community” annual appeal, Catholics in the 151 parishes of the archdiocese will have the chance to support Catholic schools close to their homes. The staff of the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education (OCE) helps the schools achieve their important mission.

For Harry Plummer, the executive director of the Office of Catholic Education, the goal is clear. “A Catholic school cannot be understood apart from its obligation to form kids in a manner consistent with their destiny to become saints,” Plummer said. “If we’re not doing that, then … we really aren’t doing what we’re supposed to be doing.”

A new aspect to Christ Our Hope this year is that contributions over the appeal’s goal for each of the five geographic regions will stay in that region to support the Catholic schools there. Those regions include Batesville and Connersville, Bloomington and Seymour, Indianapolis, New Albany and Tell City, and Terre Haute.

Nancy Buening, the principal of St. Mary School in Greensburg in the Batesville Deanery, finds ready assistance in accomplishing this task from the OCE staff even though they work approximately 45 minutes away at the Archbishop O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

Despite this distance, Buening knows that help is just a phone call or e-mail away. “Sometimes being this far away, you do kind of feel left out,” she said. “It’s not like it’s a quick drive over to talk with them. But because of the technology that’s available, they’re right there with a response. You still feel like they’re behind you.”

That technology has been ramped up recently as OCE offers web-based seminars to further the training of Catholic school faculty and staff. It has also made available to schools across the archdiocese a “value-added” method of analyzing student performance that Buening appreciates.

“You can estimate how much educational gain they should have had in a year’s time, what would have been expected and what they had,” Buening said. “You can say, ‘They passed ISTEP, but they didn’t gain nearly as much as what they were expected to. What’s going on there?’ ”

Overall, Buening sees the OCE staff members as helping her and her staff in Greensburg in a variety of ways to serve their students in the best way possible. “They are always trying to go above and beyond with everything they do,” she said. “And they want us to do that, too.”

Pope John XXIII School and Father Michael Shawe Jr./Sr. High School, both in Madison, also benefit from the annual appeal.

Archbishop Francis Chullikatt, the principal of Shawe, said that layoffs at factories in and around Madison have made it hard for families to send their children to the schools.

So Shawe’s tuition assistance initiatives, such as a summer work-study program, have become critical in many families’ efforts to keep their children enrolled.

“We’ve had kids that were able to attend school here that, had those things not been available, probably would not have been able to afford it,” said Bomholt. “But they were allowed some tuition assistance.”

And that assistance has been made possible in part through support that Shawe has received through contributions to Christ Our Hope.

Bomholt praised the help from the appeal, saying “it’s allowed us to do some things that we would never have gotten done … The archdiocese has been very good to us.”

(For more information about the “Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community” annual archdiocesan stewardship appeal, log on to www.archindy.org/ChristOurHope.)
The Church is called to evangelize permanently in words and in action

“The Church always evangelizes and has never interrupted the path of evangelization. She celebrates the Eucharist: it is the sacrifice in which she administers the sacraments, proclaims the word of God—a gift of grace and charity. And this evangelization bears fruit: it gives light and joy, it gives the path of life to many others; it gives us all, even unknowingly, in the light and the warmth that radiate from this permanent evangelizing.”

(Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI)

The Church always evangelizes, the Holy Father tells us, because it is the nature of the Church to give witness to the person of Jesus Christ and his saving message. When we celebrate the sacraments, especially the holy Eucharist, when we proclaim the Good News that God’s kingdom is in our midst, here and now; when we give generously to the poor and to work to build communities of justice and peace in our own communities. The result? Light and joy, life and love, healing, forgiveness and peace.

Why do we hesitate to evangelize, to share our faith in God, to proclaim by our words and the way we live that we are disciples of Jesus Christ? Why do so many of us fail to practice our faith by staying away from the Sunday Eucharist, the sacrament of our faith and the common life of our parishes? Why do we give in to despair, nurture feelings of anger and resentment, or buy in to the false promises of a secular culture that tells us happiness can be bought or manipulated?

We know better. True happiness comes from living the Gospel, from following the commandments and the beatitudes, from serving others, and from being grateful, generous and accountable in our stewardship of all God’s gifts. Why do we fail to evangelize when we know that our Lord has commanded us to be his faithful witnesses and to make disciples of all nations? Why do faithful Catholics so often fail to share our hope and the source of our faith in Jesus Christ with others?

Pope Benedict XVI speaks during the opening session of the Synod of Bishops for the Middle East in the synod hall at the Vatican on Oct. 11. The pope offered an off-the-cuff reflection on the theme of ‘false gods’ that beset the modern world.

—been and see to be seen—at our religious and moral convictions as disciples of Jesus Christ and members of his Church. The “new evangelization” that Pope Benedict proposes in solidarity with his immediate predecessor, Pope John Paul II, requires the active collaboration of bishops, priests, deacons, religious and laity. Starting with the diocesan bishop, who must “model Christ in his virtues—charity, the practice of poverty, the spirit of prayer, simplicity, and the delicacy of conscience,” all who wish to follow Christ must embrace the responsibility to evangelize.

Today, as always, evangelization requires reaching out to those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. But today, as perhaps never before, evangelization also means reaching out to those who are Catholics among us who have “fallen away,” and to all of us whose observance of Church teaching and practice is not what it should be.

Let’s participate actively in the “permanent evangelization” of the “household of faith” in home, in our neighborhood, in the workplace and in the public square.

“Participation in public and political life is a specific task of the laity,” the Holy Father says. “The Church does not identify with any party, with any group or community,” the pope says. “Rather, she always reminds us that lay people involved in political life must be courageous and visible witnesses of Christian values, which must be affirmed and defended in the public forum.”

The work of evangelization takes on an especially important character during an election time. Not only do candidates profess that they are Catholics who reflect their beliefs publicly and in their political activities, but the laypeople of us who are among the electorate must

Owen Carson

Editorial

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Experience the joy of sharing and serving

Do you feel life is becoming more hectic by the minute? Have the poor economy, wars, erratic weather, traffic, gridlock, divisions and scandals dampened your joy? If so, it is time to reflect on joy’s true meaning.

St. Thomas Aquinas states that joy, which desire as motion is to rest. The first principle of joy is the peace of mind that comes from possessing that which we desire. A restless yearning no longer reigns.

When true joy is achieved, a calming sense of harmony courses through us. These days, the No. 1 question being asked is how can we achieve this in practice? Pope Paul VI counseled us to practice three pivotal principles in our daily lives. The first is the joy of elation. Simply put, it means valuing the beauty of Mother Nature. The second virtue is to move outside of our narrow world and, in the exhilaration of expansiveness, to move to being equally concerned about the welfare of others. It is antithetical to narrowness, which depri Ves us of joy, which expresses the exhilaration of expansiveness. When we summarize Pope Paul VI’s thoughts on joy, one thing is common—be joyful we must be joyful to embrace so many, to reach out of our narrow world and, in doing so, to take control over our perplexing life.

(Father Eugene Hemrick writes for Catholic News Service.)

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St. Rose of Lima School, 141 Lancaster Drive, Franklin, Movie night, Facing the Giants, 7 p.m., free admission, concessions available. Information: 317-738-3451 or omuneg@yahoo.com.

October 15-17

October 19
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Carmelitte Secular Order, meeting, noon-4 p.m. Information: 317-259-4936 or check8007@att.net.

October 18
St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 535 S. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. RSVP of Central Indiana, Caregiver Support Group, 5:30-7:60 p.m. Information: 317-261-3378 or webmaster@stmonicakofc.org.

October 20
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. MKVS, Divine Mercy and Glorious-Cross Center, Reville, located on 925 South. 3 p.m.-6 p.m., Mass, noon, on third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in, groups of 10 pray the Marian Way, 1 p.m., Farlee Elm Burwinkel, celebrate. Information: 317-685-3591.

October 22-24

October 23
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. “60th Anniversary Celebration.” Information: 317-547-7861 or spassoti@archindy.org.

St. Ann Parish, 6311 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Cardinal Ritter High School Scholarship Dinner and Dance, 6:30-10:30 p.m., $25 per couple; $5 per child. 8:30 p.m. maximum charge for family. Information: 317-455-KOFC or webmaster@stmonicakofc.org.

Our Lady of the Greenwood School, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Visiting Nurse Service, flu vaccination program, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Information: 317-888-2861.

Peace: Staying Sane Amidst Turmoil,” 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Information: 317-367-1411 or www.thedome.org.

October 18
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Our Lady of the Greenwood Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. “Come Away and Rest Awhile—Silent Reflection Day,” 8 a.m.—4 p.m., $25 per person includes breakfast and lunch. Information: 317-547-7861 or spassoti@archindy.org.

October 19
Benedictine Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. “Catholic Identity and Doctrine—Navigating the Pathos: Living a Moral Life,” Session 1 of four programs. Benedictine Sister Susan Marie Landstrom, presenter, 6:30-9 p.m., $25 per person includes dinner and presentations. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictin@catholicindy.org.

All Girls High School Mass and brunch are Nov. 7
Alumnae who attended the former Our Lady of Grace Academy in Beech Grove as well as the former St. Agnes Academy, St. Mary’s Academy, St. John’s Academy, Ladywood School, and Lady-St. Agnes Academy, all formerly in Indianapolis, are invited to the annual All Girls High School Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 7 at St. Mary Church, 317 N. New Street, in Indianapolis. After the Mass, a breakfast brunch will be served at The Rathskellar restaurant, located in The Athenaeum at 401 E. Michigan St. The cost is $20 per person. Reservations are required by Oct. 24 and may be sent to Wilma Peacock, 1030 E. Leland Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219. For more information, call her at 317-359-5800.

Reservations should include current name and maiden name, school attended, year graduated, address, telephone number and e-mail address, which is optional. Checks should be addressed to All Girls High School Brunch.

VIPS
Albert and Rita (Schubert) Back, members of St. Paul Parish in New Albany, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 14. The couple was married on Oct. 14, 1950, at St. Paul Church in New Albany. They are the parents of three children: Diane Warrenburg, Dale and Daren Back. They also have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

80th birthday
With members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan looking on, Father Francis Eckstein, a retired diocesan priest, blows out the candles on his birthday cake during a Sept. 25 celebration to mark his 80th birthday. The party followed the Saturday evening Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Father Eckstein lives at the parish, and continues to minister there as well as at St.ius Parish in Ripley County.

Bloomington Life Chain
Motorists on heavily traveled Third Street in Bloomington drive by members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish holding pro-life signs during the annual Life Chain prayer vigil on Oct. 3, which took place on Respect Life Sunday in many towns and cities across Indiana and throughout the country.
Catechesis is essential to nurture relationship with Christ, speaker says

By Mary Ann Wyand

Women must know the faith, live the faith and preach the faith, Dominican Sister Mary Assumpta Long told conference participants on Sept. 18 at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

“This is how we transform the culture by educating women about their true nature and dignity as persons made in the image of God.”

During her keynote address at the seventh annual Indiana Catholic Women’s Conference, Polakovic said ENDOW distributes study guides based on the teachings of Pope Benedict XVI, the late Pope John Paul II, and other Catholic theologians and philosophers.

“We help ordinary women of faith to stretch intellectually as they learn more about the theological underpinnings of the faith that they profess and love and live,” she said. “Our aim is to put study guides into their hands that accurately reflect authentic Church teaching with the goal of helping them to make more knowledgeable and thus more effective in the practice of their Catholic faith.

“We have found that when this happens they fall more deeply in love with God and with their faith, and they then elevate society as Catholic women … in the home, the Church and the world.”

Since ENNOW was started seven years ago in Denver, she said, more than 6,500 Catholic women have participated in its educational programs and benefited from its publications.

In 2008, Polakovic attended a conference hosted by the Pontifical Council of the Laity in Rome in honor of the 20th anniversary of the promotion of Pope John Paul’s apostolic letter “On the Dignity and Vocation of Women.”

The international conference addressed the challenges of living out the late pope’s message advocating a new Christian feminism in contemporary society.

“Cardinal Stanislaw Ryłko, prefect of the Pontifical Council of the Laity, began by stating that we are living in a crucial time when ‘nothing less than the human person is hanging in the balance,’ ” Polakovic said. “It was a shocking start to the conference, and it was meant to be.

Conference speakers examined a variety of societal problems, she said, including lack of respect for the sanctity of life as well as the ongoing fight over women’s identity during the past half century.

“During these years, the relationship between men and women has been skewed, devolving into one of antagonism and resentment,” she said. “In fact, they explained, we are in a great war over the dignity of the human person, and the war is being waged around women … because life is transferred to womanhood.

“So, if you decompress women, you decompress the family, which is the basis of society.

“This cultural attack on family life is a result of contemporary society’s emphasis on relativism and free will, she said, which excludes God as the author of life and negates moral codes.

“These are all very grave concerns,” Polakovic said, “concerns which will ultimately define our society and the world as we see it. If it happens, nothing I’ve ever experienced has meant more to me. My faith led me to take this mission up with great joy and enthusiasm because I don’t know the [tenets of the faith]. … We are completely unprepared for the cultural battle that lies before us.

In addition to nurturing children’s physical and emotional needs, she said, mothers must care for their spiritual needs.

“We have our children under our roofs, in our nests, where we can influence them daily, for a very short period,” Polakovic said. “Yet, with all the limitations that we have with them is finite, but the consequences are eternal. … But [women have] never been taught the beautiful truths of God in their heart, and at times it is no wonder that we aren’t able to pass them on.”

Mothers must continue to tell their children the story of what it means to be Catholic, she said, so the truths of the faith can be passed on to a new generation that is searching for meaning and purpose in their lives.

“Not to know the story of the Church, the story … of [our] faith threatens our identity as people of God,” Polakovic said. “Six years ago, the second Vatican … was meant to be a wake-up call to all Catholics of our primary role, which is to be on the front lines evangelizing the culture.”

It is a profound blessing to be Catholic, she said, and to share the faith through agonizing women.

“We need to reeducate ourselves to learning about our faith for the sake of our children,” Polakovic said. “They are entitled to know their [faith] story. It is their birthright.

(For more information about ENDOW, log on to www.endowonline.com)
What were the top stories that the newspaper featured in the 1970s?

As part of documenting the 50-year history of The Criterion, online editor Brandon A. Evans is compiling major headlines that appeared during the last five decades in the archdiocesan newspaper.

This week, we feature some of the top stories that appeared in the archdiocesan newspaper during the 1970s.

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**March 1970—Archbishop Paul J. Schuller's resignation is announced.**

A story by Mary Grace Bova in the Feb. 22, 1970, issue of The Criterion announced that Bishop Schuller would resign after a vote of the Synod of Bishops. The Synod of Bishops then named George J. Biskup as the New York archbishop.

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**October 1971—The bishops of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops adopt a resolution for ordination of women in the Catholic Church.**

The action was part of the bishops' fall assembly meeting in Washington, D.C. The resolution was controversial and was later reversed.

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**February 1972—The Synod of Bishops holds its 13th meeting in Rome.**

Cardinal Richard Cardinal Cushing, archbishop of Boston, was one of the bishops attending. The Synod addressed issues such as catechesis, liturgy, and the role of women in the Church.

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**July 1973—Some bishops attend an open session in Rome.**

This session was held in the Vatican to discuss issues such as the liturgy, the role of women, and the role of the laity in the Church. The session was open to the public and was broadcast on television.

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**September 1974—Archbishop John E. cardinal O'Connor resigns.**

The resignation was announced on September 12, 1974. Archbishop O'Connor had served as the archbishop of New York since 1966.

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**December 1975—Pope Paul VI's death.**

Pope Paul VI died on December 22, 1978. He had been the pope since 1963 and had served as the leader of the Catholic Church for 14 years.

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**March 1976—Archbishop Edward W. Cardinal Egan is appointed the fourth archbishop of New York.**

Archbishop Egan was appointed on March 3, 1976, and he served as the archbishop of New York until his death in 2000.

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**October 1977—Archbishop Francis J. Cardinal Spellman's funeral.**

The archbishop of New York died on October 10, 1977, and his funeral was held on October 16, 1977.

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**January 1978—The Synod of Bishops on the Family.**

The Synod of Bishops released a document on the family, which included discussions on marriage, contraception, and the role of the laity in the Church.

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**September 1978—Archbishop John Cardinal O'Connor's retirement.**

Archbishop O'Connor stepped down on September 13, 1978, after 12 years of service as the archbishop of New York.

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**December 1978—Pope John Paul II's death.**

Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 1978, after serving as the pope for 14 years. He was the first pope from the New World and the first pope from a non-European background.

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**January 1979—Robert Cardinal Mooney's funeral.**

Archbishop Mooney died on January 22, 1979, and his funeral was held on January 24, 1979.

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**October 1979—Pope John Paul II's first visit to the United States.**


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**September 1980—Archbishop Joseph Cardinal Bernardin's death.**

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Sisters of St. Benedict weigh options for activity center in Beech Grove

By John Shaughnessy

Do you or your organization have a use for an activity center that has a pool, gymnasium and two conference rooms? If so, the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove are interested in hearing from you.

While the Benedictine sisters will continue their commitment to spiritual ministry through the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, they have decided that they can no longer maintain the activity center at the facility.

In sharing this news with the Catholic community, the sisters are open to discussing possibilities with anyone interested in leasing the activity center. The sisters plan to make a final decision regarding the activity center by Dec. 31.

“If no inquiries are forthcoming, all rentals and use of the center building will cease on March 31, 2011, and the demolition of the center building will begin with completion by Dec. 31, 2011,” noted a press release from the sisters.

The sisters stressed that their efforts to serve the spiritual and retreat needs of men, women and children will continue at the main retreat building, which has 43 bedrooms, nine conference rooms, a chapel, a gift shop, a full-service kitchen and dining areas.

“Even though we are dealing with the difficult decision to divest ourselves of the center building, we are so grateful to report that the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center’s spirituality and hospitality ministries are thriving,” said Benedictine Sister Carol Falkner, the administrator of the Benedict Inn.

“As we look to the future, we plan on continuing to serve the people of the archdiocese and greater Indianapolis through our religious programs, retreats, spiritual direction internship program and rental facilities,” she said, “providing a peaceful, prayerful environment for those seeking God.”

The announcement regarding the activity center came after the sisters “seriously engaged in a prayerful decision-making process,” according to Benedictine Sister Juliann Babcock, the prioress.

“Although it’s a difficult choice, we feel it is necessary in order to focus our financial and ministerial resources on spirituality programming,” Sister Juliann noted. “We are interested in talking with any group or person about a collaboration through a lease, but we do have a definite deadline.”

All serious inquiries should be made before Dec. 31 and directed to Sister Carol Falkner at 317-787-3287. E-mails can be sent to her at carol@benedictine.com.

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Supporting marriage has ‘ripple effects’ in the family, the Church

By Louise McNulty

Earlier this year, Father Stephen Banet, the pastor of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis, had a long conversation with his parish’s director of religious education, Annette Calloway, concerning the marriages of parishioners. “He had been experiencing increasing requests for help from couples who were struggling in their marriages,” Calloway said. “He also believed that we were seeing an increase in divorces in our parish. Every year, we host a retreat in January. He asked that we host a marriage enrichment day.”

To prepare for that program, Calloway attended marriage-building sessions offered by the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers in a neighboring state. “There, I met many parish administrators trying to create support of marriages,” she said. Calloway realized the need to make marriage enrichment a parish priority, but also saw a bigger picture. “In order for people to be at a level where they can pursue a greater [spiritual] relationship with God,” she said, “they must first be on solid ground in their families and homes.”

Although St. Jude Parish is “just getting started” in this new ministry program, Calloway is recruiting a core team of couples to focus on marriage enrichment. One of their first ventures will be working with Mary Ortwein, a facilitator that Calloway met at the conference. Ortwein developed a program called “Mastering the Mysteries of Sacramental Love,” and will visit St. Jude Parish to launch it there in January. Another parish committed to increasing marriage support is St. Monica Parish in Mercer Island, Wash. Frank DiGirolamo, a pastoral associate at the parish, said that ultimately such programs are “about recognizing that Christ in the sacraments is the model for the relationship between a husband and wife—sanctifying for each other.”

DiGirolamo said he benefited from attending a recent conference on building marriages that was sponsored by the U.S. bishops. “We are nationally the eighth parish to adopt the ‘Six Dates’ program created by John Bosio, the author of the book Happy Together: The Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage,” DiGirolamo said. “‘Six Dates’ is just what it sounds like—a program that offers opportunities for couples to look back on why they fell in love, but also to look forward at how they can follow the spiritual model of Christ and strengthen their union. Participating couples attend their parish’s Saturday vigil Mass then remain in church to pray, watch a video presentation involving one aspect of the marriage relationship and receive educational materials. Then they are encouraged to go out on a date, whether to a restaurant or simply a coffee shop. Free childcare is available at the U.S. bishops’ marriage website at www.foryoumarriage.org.

The initial response from parishioners was overwhelming, and those who signed up ranged from newlyweds to couples celebrating their 50th anniversary. Another parish that is serving married couples of all ages is St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Plano, Texas. Judy Clark, the co-director with her husband, George, of the parish’s office of family and adult ministry, says marriage enrichment is important because it teaches couples “the vision of Christian marriage and the relational skills to live out their vocation in a healthy manner ... As we help strengthen the couple, it has a ripple effect on the family, friends, extended family and the Church.”

St. Mark Parish offers periodic marriage enrichment programs and professional counseling services in English and Spanish for married couples of all ages. Judy Clark said, as well as parenting courses “that focus on the life-cycle needs of the marriage and family.”

Besides observing World Marriage Day and marriage enrichment programs offered by parishes can ultimately give greater strength to families and the broader Church.

A married couple lies down in a corner of a conference room to write letters expressing their feelings for one another during a Worldwide Marriage Encounter program in Santa Clara, Calif.

Help is available for troubled marriages

This Week’s Question

If you and your spouse needed help in communicating or in navigating a particularly difficult situation, where would you turn for help?

“I’d look to Marriage Encounter first, the Church, then counseling.” (Donna Evans, Longview, Texas)

“We’d turn to our parish priest, who is very caring and a good listener. However, he isn’t always so available [because he is] kept very busy with his five parishes. Another choice would be a Catholic counselor or another more experienced married couple who ... reflected a good marriage.” (Mary Kay Kelly, Chester, Iowa)

“We’ve had to face that. First, we went to a priest, seeking spiritual direction. Then [we] asked him to recommend a counselor because we weren’t looking for a secular view, but for Church teaching—what the Lord would be telling us.” (Lisa Flynn, Almont, Mich.)

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An upcoming edition asks: Where do you encounter the homeless? How do you feel when you see them?

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Antoinette Bosco
From the Editor Emeritus/Autobiography, it’s no wonder you have so few.”

The Interior Castle, one of the masterpieces of mystical theology. I chose the following thoughts about prayer from The Way of Perfection:

She wondered if perhaps our prayer should simply be, “Father, give us whatever is good for us.” After all, since God understands everything so perfectly, what need is there to say more than that? It is He Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane. Although he expressed his desire and fear, he surrendered himself to his Father’s will. But we are not perfect as Jesus was. We are less submissive to the will of God, and need to mention separately all the various things we desire. It is true that the gift that God intends for us is by far the best, Teresa wrote, “but it is not what we think that makes us capable of fitting him into his face. That is the kind of people we are; ready cash is the only wealth we can understand.” Therefore, she says, Jesus taught us to pray, “Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.” Jesus placed these two petitions side by side, she says, “because he realized that in our inadequacy we could never faithfully hallow, praise, exalt or glorify this holy name of the eternal Father unless he enabled us to do so by giving us his kingdom here on Earth.” Teresa wrote that we need not know what we are asking for when we pray, but also do everything in our power to please the one who is so mindful of our needs.

She said that, of all the joys that will be found in the kingdom of heaven, the greatest for her is “the sense of total security and well-being that we shall experience when we are free from all concern for earthly things.” In heaven we will be glad because others are glad and forever at peace, and we will have a deep satisfaction that the Lord is honored and praised by all creatures. Here below, Teresa wrote, our love of our Lord must necessarily fall short of perfection. Nevertheless, “How different it would be, how much more like that of heaven, if we really knew our Lord?”

The Bottom Line
Antoinette Bosco
Brother André, Canada’s ‘miracle man,’ to be canonized on Oct. 17

They called him the “miracle man,” referring to Holy Cross Brother André Bessette, an unassuming Canadian man who founded St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal. He was alive there until he died at the age of 91 on June 6, 1939.

Why the title of “miracle man?” During his lifetime, it has been documented that he healed more people through prayer than could ever be counted. He helped a lot of people in the United States have never heard of him. But that may change soon.

This humble man was born in poverty in the French Canadian village of Saint-Gérome d’Iberville, the eighth of 12 children of parents who died when he was still a child. He is to be canonized on Oct. 17 by Pope Benedict XVI.

I first heard of this remarkable Brother André back in 1948 when I was a teenager visiting Montreal. While there, I was particularly interested in seeing St. Joseph’s Oratory. I joined crowds of people, all of us climbing many steps to get to this great building.

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Bessette’s party, the priest sent him to the Congregation of the Holy Cross with the words: “I am sending you to a saint.”

On Feb. 2, 1874, Brother André, then 28, professed his final vows. From that time on, his life was devoted to alleviating human suffering by prayer and an ever-increasing devotion to St. Joseph.

In the years to come, he visited sick people in hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. He tirelessly prayed with hurting people who came to see him, often hardly sleeping.

It has been said that the miracles that happened after his prayers are uncountable! I have just written a new book, Brother André: The Miracle Worker of St. Joseph by C. Bernard Ruffin was published by Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington, Ind.

Ruffin wrote that, before he was 25 years old, Brother André, who was born in poverty, had lived in nine towns and two countries, and had tried to master at least 10 different trades. Then his life took an important turn when he met Father André Provencal from Quebec, whose mission was to farm as a small child was still alive. He is to be canonized on Oct. 17 by Pope Benedict XVI.

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Brother André’s heart. The accompanying description that offers hope, joy and the experience of God’s presence is engrossing. It brings out how this saintly man always carried with him that very simple, very precious, spirit of joy.

Brother André never failed to convey to others that God is very near to us, present in all creation. He believed that “there is so little distance between heaven and Earth that God always hears us. Nothing but a thin veil separates us from God…” God is always working for our good, even when his ways seem incomprehensible to us.”

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Antoinette Bosco writes for Catholic News Service.

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Bible-based book explores Journey Through Disability

Not long ago, I went through a stack of books and papers that I had placed in a corner of my computer room.

The best item that I found was a Volume 2 of Journey Through Disability: Stories and Reflections from Web’s Mommy, by Tammy Smith. Her book was published by Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington, Ind. In a few words, it explains that she had Alzheimer’s disease and that she had to divide her time between two places.

My mother, Irene, was living at a nursing home in Illinois. I thanked God that my sister and I were able to help her, and tried to divide my time between both places.

Jennie was like an older sister or mother to me. She was away from me for much of the time I was growing up. When I found out about this book, I also discovered a memorial note about Jennie’s life. Jennie survived her mother through the amazing care of my mother and Pauline.

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**The Sunday Readings**

**Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010**

**Exodus 17:8-13**

2 Timothy 3:14-42

**Luke 18:1-8**

The Book of Exodus is the source of this weekend’s first reading.

One of the first books of the Hebrew Bible, its concepts were attributed to Moses himself. As such, it is part of the Torah, the fundamental document of Judaism. As its title implies, its focus is upon the flight of the Hebrew people from Egypt, where they were enslaved, to the land promised to them by God as a haven and as their own homeland, a land that “flowing with milk and honey.”

After a while, Moses, by this time old and weary, could no longer lift his hands so his brother, Aaron, the first high priest, and Hur, another faithful disciple, helped Moses by holding up his arms as he held the staff.

For the second reading, the Church turns to the Second Epistle to Timothy, a letter written by Paul to his beloved son in the faith, Timothy, during his imprisonment in Rome.

In this letter, Paul reflects on the nature of faith andsetCurrent challenges for the Church.

**Daily Readings**

**Monday, Oct. 18**

Luke, Evangelist

2 Timothy 4:10-17

Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18


**Tuesday, Oct. 19**

John de Brebeuf, priest and martyr

Isaac Jogues, priest and martyr

and his companions, martyrs

Ephesians 2:12-22

Psalm 89:3-9

Luke 12:35-38

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**

Paul of the Cross, priest

Ephesians 3:12-19

(Responsorial) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4b-6


**Thursday, Oct. 21**

Ephesians 3:14-21

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

Luke 12:49-53

**Question Corner**

Fr. John Dietzen

Purgatory is a ‘condition’ of purification rather than a ‘place’ to go after death

We hear almost nothing about purgatory today. When I was growing up, it was described as a place of fear and suffering because we were not yet ready for eternal life with God. Is purgatory considered an obsolete concept now? (Ohio)

The idea of purgatory is still very much a part of our Catholic faith. One reason that less is said about it today, however, is that too much misinformation about purgatory has accumulated over centuries and those mistaken perceptions need to be corrected. The hoary pictures of pain, torture and a place of eternal torment that people have of purgatory do not reflect how the Church teaches that place.

Reflection

The readings this weekend from the Book of Exodus and St. Luke’s Gospel easily can create several rather simplistic, childish and incorrect views of God. Exodus might give the impression that seemingly foolish and unrelated gesture, such as holding arms aloft, will guarantee God’s help in a crisis. Such thinking is an invitation to magic, not to a trusting relationship with the divine person, the Almighty God.

St. Luke’s Gospel then can be misconstrued to suggest that people must hold the cross or any other symbol of their faith for answers to their petitions to be answered with the responses that they want in life.

In humility, we realize that we can do little on our own. We can do some things, but we cannot fully control our destiny. As did Moses, we must depend on God.

We also must trust God, even in moments of great concern. Unlike the indifferent judge, God will provide for us, giving us what we cannot achieve for ourselves—life eternal.

As we pray, so we must trust God.

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**My Journey to God**

**Pieta**

Into each life, we know sorrow will come. Only heaven is eternal, for this Earth is not our home.

If only we had not loved someone so much, then we could be left to go. And we would never know the heartache that now hurts us so.

But God had never promised us that we would not feel pain. He never said it would be easy. He said it would be okay.

This transitory, earthly life is really all we know; but through the eyes of faith, we see the eternal. We see things as they really are.

With eyes of faith, we see the cross, the symbol of salvation, but also of pain. The life of our dear Jesus is the cost For an everlasting gain.

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(Gina Langferman is a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis. She wrote this poem on Sept. 15, 2010, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.)

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Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

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Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Thursday before the week of publication; be sure to state date of death. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in The Criterion. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; those are separate obituaries on this page.


CAREY, Patricia T. (Harding), 81, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Sept. 29. Wife of Joseph Carey. Mother of Andrew, Philip and Stephen Carey. Sister of Thomas Harding. Grandmother of one.


LAWRENCE, Terence William, 57, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Sept. 29. Son of Henrietta (Steining) Lawrence. Brother of Ellen Krudy and Robert Lawrence Jr.


Voice of Virtue founder implores women to continue fight against culture of death

By Mary Ann Wyand

Do not be afraid to battle the culture of death in today’s contemporary society, Voice of Virtue International founder Barbara McGuigan emphasized during the seventh annual Indiana Catholic Women’s Conference on Sept. 18 in Indianapolis.

During her keynote speech at the “Treasuring Womanhood” conference at Cathedral High School, McGuigan reminded the women that “Christianity is not for the faint-hearted.

By our baptism, she said, we are called to defend life and protect the special nature of each human life, born or unborn.

“We must join Jesus in the gesture of plunging ourselves into the Father’s love,” McGuigan said. “Our calling to protect the image and likeness of God in every stage [of life] becomes a second baptism, a baptism of blood, the blood of over 51 million unborn children—those surgically aborted—and surely the blood of millions more chemically aborted children.

God gives us the grace to face all the obstacles that a culture of death presents in daily life, she said, as well as the courage and strength to wage a spiritual pro-life battle against Satan and his demons.

“The gifts [of the Holy Spirit] that you received at your baptism and that were activated at your confirmation make you a force to be reckoned with,” McGuigan explained. “In a world steeped in heeey, apostasy and death, you must fight back with a strong mind in telling the truths of the faith. … We need supernova courage to carry out the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a sin-darkened world.

Sins has become so deeply rooted in our contemporary culture, McGuigan said, to the point that people accept the legalization of the wholesale slaughter of unborn babies by the millions.

“How else would science rather than faith say, ‘Yes, we can create a human embryo to be frozen in liquid nitrogen until their parents are ready to claim them for in vitro fertilization,’ she asked. “How else would we watch the court-ordered starvation and dehydration of a brain-injured woman … Terri Schiavo? How else could our dear children be subjected to media that are hell-bent on rotting out their very souls by impurity? How else could the evil of materialism cause man to worship idols, and to covet his neighbor’s wife and goods? How else could powerful organizations … and judges banish God’s commandments from public life? How else could disorderly sexuality and perversions be accepted and even celebrated?”

God is calling us to use to the fullest the spiritual powers that we received at our baptism to battle the culture of death, McGuigan said. “Time is short. … In order to be faithful to Christ, we must fight. There can be no mistake that he is sending us out into a war.”

McGuigan, who also is the host of the EWTN radio programs “Open Line” and “The Good Fight,” promotes virtuous living to teenagers, parents and educators.

“Sex without strings and relationships without rings didn’t come from God,” she said. “It’s a demonic scheme to defile the human race.”

Urging the women to “fight the enemy in these dark days” by becoming holy like the saints, she said, “We all know that the battle between good and evil has intensified. Our hearts are wounded by Original Sin. … This is precisely why we need God’s help through his Church to recognize sin clearly.

We need to put on the armor of God. … Our children need to be guided to be true in heart, sound in mind and pure in body.”

Truth and grace and love will triumph over the culture of death, she said, and lead to peace.

“Holy Mother Church has always promoted the greatness and dignity of women,” McGuigan said. “… In the mother’s womb, a new creation receives his or her mother’s soul that will live forever. … Women must teach others to love and accept each human being. … We belong to God and must love as God loves.”

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Faith and fun are at the heart of middle school jamboree

LANEVILLE—Emily Horine couldn’t hide her excitement after attending the annual Middle School Jamboree on Sept. 18.

“The jamboree was a blast!” exclaimed Emily, a student at Henryville High School and a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish, also in Henryville. “It was an opportunity for me to grow as a Catholic, and help others grow in their faith as well.”

Emily’s reaction was typical among the 50 youths who participated in the day of fun and faith at St. Mary Parish in Lanesville, which was organized by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries. The jamboree gave middle school students an opportunity to learn about their faith, celebrate being Catholic and meet new friends.

The jamboree included Mass and a talk by keynote speaker and Catholic vocalist Sarah Bauer of Carmel, Ind. There were also sessions to educate youths about the Catholic faith and allow them to reflect on their relationship with God. A dance party and games were also included in the activities.

“Sarah Bauer delivered an amazing message about the special plans that God has for each one of us,” said Leah Cissell, coordinator of programming for New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries. “She shared that each of us has something special inside, and that God has already given us everything we need to fulfill his plan in our lives.”

The jamboree was planned by high school students who are involved in the youth ministries’ program.

“It was amazing by the end of the evening to see each of the youths up dancing, having fun and engaging with one another,” Cissell said. “The difference from the moment they walked in, somewhat shy and unsure, to barely wanting to leave at the end of the night helped us know we had accomplished our goal that day. Many people contributed to making the day such a success.”

Anyone interested in learning more about New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries can log on to the website at www.nadyouth.org.

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Washington, D.C.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2011

Sat. Jan. 22: Depart from one of our locations throughout the State approximately 8 pm leaving on Free Enterprise/Star of America tour bus. We will stop about ½ way where you can buy something to eat.

Sun. Jan. 23: Arrive in Washington approximately 10 am, and then proceed to motel for check-in. Leave for the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception for tour.

Mon. Jan. 24: Breakfast at the motel, board bus for ride to Youth Rally. Leave for The Mall at 11:30 am. March begins at noon. After the March, proceed to motel & dinner.

Tues. Jan. 25: Breakfast at the motel, board buses and head home, arriving about 8 pm.

The Cost: $250 Includes: Round-trip on touring bus, Motel for 2 nights, double-occupancy, 2 breakfasts, Box Lunch, Monday night dinner & celebration, and an unbelievable feeling of euphoria for having participated in this event.

More information may be obtained from our web site www.indianakofc.org or phone Pro Life Director at 219-663-0509